



READY FOR OPENING—Ted Apple, president, and Sunny Lee Weed, office manager, of Vermont Mortgage, 13909 S. Van Ness, are shown preparing for the opening of the local firm, Dec. 17. Office of area loan consultants has been preparing for official opening for the past month.

**'Unsafe' Trees In Some Local Yule Tree Lots**

Several Christmas tree lots, within the City of Torrance, have been found to be spraying trees with a flammable paint or a flammable adhesive for flocking, it was reported this week by fire officials.

The public should be extremely careful in the use of a tree so treated as the "flocking" alone will not serve as a flame retardant.

When in doubt, it is suggested that the purchaser ask to see the paint can. If the contents are of the approved flame retardant type, the label will carry the State Fire Marshal's seal and a registration number.

**HOME ACCIDENTS**

Most home accidents happen to the very young and the very old, states the Greater Los Angeles Chapter National Safety Council. Falls are the major problem for the elder citizenry, and choking on foreign objects is the most frequent accident involving the very young.

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**Press Tour Held By Torrance Area Hydrogen Plant**

Linde Company, division of Union Carbide Corporation, conducted the first public tour of its new liquid hydrogen plant here Thursday for representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and members of the local press.

At an informal luncheon following the tour, Linde President William B. Nicholson pointed out that the successful operation of the Torrance plant "established the feasibility of producing liquid hydrogen on a privately financed, commercial basis."

Plant is the nation's first privately owned liquid hydrogen producer and has a capacity of 13,000 lbs. per day. It was designed and built by Linde to supply liquid hydrogen to West Coast missile development centers under a contract award by NASA in April 1959, for the supply to NASA of up to 3,300,000 lbs. per year.

Torrance is the second of four Linde plants installed or under construction primarily to meet the growing needs of the missile industry. The first was Linde's 300-ton-per-day liquid oxygen-liquid nitrogen plant which opened in October, 1959 at Pittsburg, California; the third is a 135-ton-per-day liquid oxygen-liquid nitrogen plant scheduled for start-up soon at Huntsville, Alabama, near the Army's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center; and the fourth is a 135-ton-per-day liquid oxygen-liquid nitrogen plant to supply engine testing requirements in the Neosho, Missouri area.

**Free Gift From 'Y'**

Torrance YMCA staff is mailing an eight page "Family Christmas Ideas" to all members and friends of the "Y." It was reported this week. This service seeks to enrich the companionship of each Torrance family as they celebrate Christmas this year. Included are stories, poems, the real Christmas story, decoration ideas, games, things to do as a family, and craft ideas.

**Diabetes Testing Turns Up Two 'Positives' in City of Torrance**

Two positively identified cases of diabetes were turned up in Torrance during the November 13-19 detection drive, campaign authorities reported this week. Total tested was 315.

Figures compare favorably with San Pedro's 12 cases out of 195 tested, or Studio City's

13 out of 117 tested. Of 2,749 tested in Los Angeles County during the drive, 139 new cases of diabetes were turned up, as compared to 92 previously known. Total of 233 indicates that one out of ten persons tested were afflicted. Close to 10,000 persons re-

ceived free diabetes tests at 40 different testing centers in the drive conducted by the Diabetes Association of Southern California to find the unknown diabetics in the area. Of the total tested, 139 persons were found to have positive findings.

"This number reveals a

possible high incidence of diabetes in this area," Dr. Roberta Armstrong, chairman of the drive, said. "Because one in 67 of those we tested had positive findings, whereas the national figure is one of 75."

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**Madonna Row Dedication Slated Today at El Camino Ceremonies**

El Camino College will dedicate the 1960 addition to its famed Madonna Row this afternoon at a ceremony scheduled for 2:15 p.m. in front of the administration building at 16007 S. Crenshaw Blvd. Preceding the unveiling of

the newest addition will be a 15-minute recital featuring the carillon bells and brass ensemble.

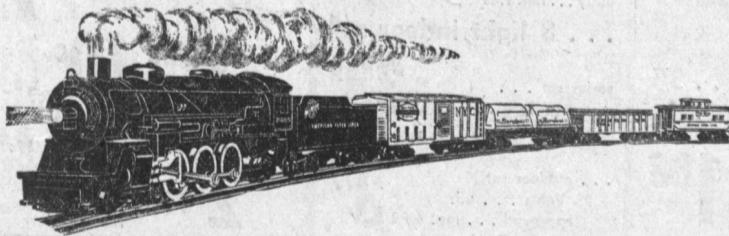
Accepting the presentation of the art reproduction for the college will be Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president. Mildred K. Walker, art teacher,

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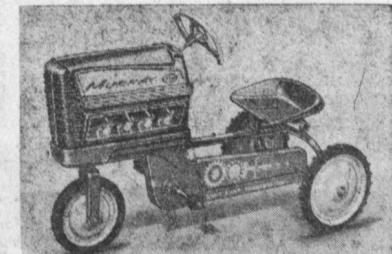
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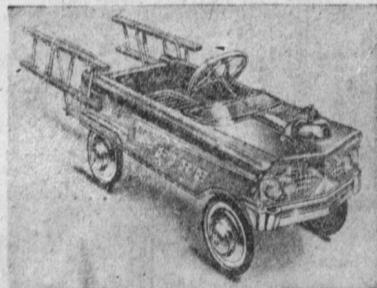
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